

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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September 16, 2005

Mr. James L. Murphy III
Boult, Cummings, Conners & Berry PLC
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Re: *Petition of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Concerning Interconnection and Resale under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.* (Docket No. 05-00231)


Dear Mr. Murphy:

The above *Petition* was filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority on August 15, 2005. Paragraph 5 of the *Petition*, titled "Negotiations" states: "Pursuant to Section 252 of the Act, MCI requested the parties enter into negotiations for the follow-on Agreement that is the subject of this *Petition*."

Section 252(b)(1) provides for petitioning a State commission to arbitrate issues associated with the negotiation of an interconnection agreement during the period from the 135th to the 160th day (inclusive) after the date on which the incumbent local exchange carrier receives a request for negotiations. The date MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC ("MCImetro") requested negotiations with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") is not included in the *Petition*. The date BellSouth received such a request was not provided by BellSouth in its response to the *Petition* either. Without this information, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority cannot determine if this *Petition* was timely filed.

Therefore, please provide documentation, by September 23, 2005, indicating either the date negotiations were requested by MCImetro or the date the request for negotiations was received by BellSouth. If you have any questions concerning this matter, or require additional information, please contact C.D. Mundy at 615-741-2791 ext. 166 or myself at ext. 149.

Sincerely,


Darlene Standley
Utilities Division Chief

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